

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
SHEPSHED



A N N U A L R E P O R T

For the year 1942

by

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ANNUAL REPORT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 1942.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1942. It will be noticed, as last year, that it is shorter than usual.

Once more I wish to convey to Mr. R.B. Jones, the Sanitary Inspector, who is now in the Forces, my thanks for his valuable help during the year, good wishes and earnest hope for his speedy return.

To you, Gentlemen, I again thank you for your kindness and co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

A. McM.W. SEGERDAL.

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SHEPSHED URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman Mr. I.E. Batten J.P.

Clerk of the Council Mr. H.W. Beresford.

Medical Officer of Health A. McM.W. Segerdal, M.D., D.P.H.

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector Mr. R.B. Jones, C.R.S.I.

Gas & Water Engineer Mr. J.E. Matlock.

SECTION A

1. VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population (England & Wales)	16.5 15.8
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)	.0 .54
<u>Still Birth Rate:</u>	
Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	0
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population (England & Wales)	9.9 11.6
Deaths from Puerperal Causes - 0 per 1,000 Births.	

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births (England & Wales)	86.0 49
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate Live Births	86.0
Illegitimate do do illegitimate Live Births	0.0

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Carried out by the County Council, 8, St.Martin's Leicester.

The examinations performed in the County Council Laboratories on behalf of the District are as follows:-

Milk Examinations (Bacteriological)	47
Sputa for T.B.	24
Swabs for Diphtheria	239
Sewage and Water Analysis	1
Urine (General & Bacteriological)	1
Urine for T.B.	1
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Total	313
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SECTION C.

1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(i) WATER SUPPLY: The Council being the Water Undertaking, purchase supply in bulk from the Loughborough Corporation.

There is a plentiful supply of good water.

One sample of the supply was submitted for examination and found satisfactory.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE: The Outfall Works are maintained in a satisfactory manner. No complaints have been received.

2. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The Council have again continued their grant to property owners to encourage the conversion of pail to water closets. During the year 2 conversions were made making a total of 474 conversions since the subsidy was issued.

Privies (Outside scavenging area)	54
Pail Closets	538
W.C.s	1328

(ii) SCAVENGING

This is done in a very satisfactory manner by the Sanitary Department.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(iv) SHOPS - No action taken.

(v) CAMPING SITES - None in the Urban Area.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT - Informal action only.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOL - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(ix) SCABIES - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION D

HOUSING

Houses which have been condemned and not demolished have had certain repairs and alterations made and are being used by evacuees.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	30
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	36
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932..	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...	Nil

SECTION F

A. Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis

		Number of cases notified	Cases ad- mitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	...	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	...	1	-	-
Diphtheria	...	54	53	4
Erysipelas	...	4	-	-
Measles	...	8	-	-
Pneumonia	...	23	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	1	-	-
 Total	...	93	54	4

Analysis under Age Groups

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Measles	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Cerebro Spinal Fever
Under 1 yr.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1-2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
2-3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
3-4	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-
4-5	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-
5-10	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
10-15	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
15-20	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
20-35	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
45-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	54	4	8	23	1	1

Estimated percentage of child population who have received complete course of immunisation:-

Under 5 years	68%
5 to 15 years	88%

I regret to report that during the year there were four deaths from Diphtheria, of which two had been immunised, and that there were a few very serious cases in both immunised and non-immunised children. Some 20 cases out of the 54 could be classified as mild or carriers, and of this group 7 were carriers.

I visited a number of houses and the schools on various occasions, and made 500 examinations and took 63 swabs, with the valuable assistance of Mr. Jones. As a result, one carrier was discovered.

I trust the Council will convey our thanks to the teachers for their kindness, co-operation and patience shown to us when "making a nuisance" of ourselves so frequently.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total	6	1	1	2	2	2	-	1

Statement of Particulars

Appearing in the Register of Notifications
of cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1942.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
No. of cases on the Register at commencement of Year	14	14	28	7	12	19	47
No. of cases notified during the year	5	1	6	1	2	3	9
No. of cases restored to the Register	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
No. of cases added other than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases removed from register during the year	5	2	7	-	2	2	9
No. of cases remaining on register at end of year	15	13	28	8	12	20	48

INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories	5	...	...
Workshops	10	...	...
Workplaces	10	...	...
Total	25	...	...

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

1. WATER:

Number of samples taken for analysis from pipe supply 1
Result of analysis of samples Satisfactory
Number of samples taken for analysis from wells 1
Result of analysis of samples Unsatisfactory
Number of cases in which public supply was substituted
for well supply... Nil
No shortage occurred in the public supply and the supply was
satisfactory in quality and quantity.

2. DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE:

Number of cesspools constructed during the year 0
Number of cesspools abolished during the year 0
Number of cesspools in district on 1st December, 1942 91

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION:

Total number in district at end of 1942:-

(1) Privies	...	...	54
(2) Pail Closets	...	...	538
(3) W.Cs.	...	...	1328

Pail Closets converted to W.Cs. ... 2

4. SCAVENGING:

Pail closet soil is collected at night in tumbler carts and
taken to farmers.

House refuse is collected in covered lorries and removed to
the tips situated away from dwellings.

The only privies are situated in farms and cottages outside
the scavenging area.

No ashpits in existence in the scavenging area. Ashbins
are provided in lieu of ashpits. All cesspools are emptied by
the owners.

5. SANITARY INSPECTIONS:

Total number of premises visited	...	...	...	...	343
do do defects or nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	36
do do complaints received	...	...	...	...	12
do do notices served:-					-
(a) Formal	...	...	...	...
(b) Informal	...	...	...	...	34
do do complied with during the year:-					
do do outstanding 1st January	...	...	...	...	2
do do complied with during year	...	...	...	...	32
do do outstanding 31st December	...	...	...	...	-
do do summonses issued	...	...	...	...	-
do do convictions obtained	...	...	...	...	-
do do inspections	...	...	...	...	415

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

No unsatisfactory conditions were found.

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Tents, Vans, Sheds	1	4	None	Fair
Offensive Trades	2	5	do	Good

6. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

Number of dwellings found infested	...	2
Number of dwellings disinfested	...	2

Method employed for disinfestation - "Thermatox" used.

7. SCABIES: There was practically no trouble with scabies. Occasional cases only.

8. SCHOOLS: No unsatisfactory conditions were found. Disinfection of all schools was carried out during the holiday period.

9. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOL: Number in Area - 1. Privately owned - 0. Paddling Pool only in Park, regular cleaning and dosing with "Chloras" carried out.

One sample of the water supplying the Pool was taken and proved satisfactory.

10. INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

(a) Milk:

COWKEEPERS

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
26	50	-	2	2	Nil

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers.

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
4	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS:

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
Cleansing	0	2	2	0
Structural Alterations	1	1	1	1

MILK SAMPLINGS:

Class	Total Number of Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination	Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
Ordinary	47	42	5

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS:

Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter Nil

Number of inspections of premises Nil

Under the Government Regional Scheme centralised
slaughtering takes place at Coalville.

Number of inspections of meat shops.. Nil

Number of inspections of places where food (other
than meat) is kept or prepared for sale Nil

Notices to limewash and cleanse given Nil

R. B. JONES,
Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

